Essex County SWCD

The Essex County SWCD was formed in 1965. Soil and Water Conservation Districts are special purpose districts, authorized under state law and created to develop and carry out a program of soil, water and related natural resource conservation by providing technical assistance and programs to residents, landowners and units of government.

Our office is located in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Center at the county fairgrounds in Westport.

Some of the services the Essex County SWCD provides are:

- Survey, design, installation of agricultural conservation practices
- Conservation planning
- Drainage assistance/flood control
- Soils information
- Erosion and sediment control
- Conservation education
- Water quality/nonpoint source pollution programs
- Agricultural land preservation
- Woodland assistance
- Tree, shrub, groundcover and seed program
- Wildlife habitat planning
- DEC permit acquisition assistance for landowners
- Dry fire hydrant design and installation
- Storm water education, review, design and inspection
- Mining and reclamation plans

2010 seedling sale

- Many varieties of seedlings, transplants, groundcovers and wildflower seed mixes will be available.
- Order pick up date will be in late April.
- Order forms will be available in January. Call or email us to receive a copy.